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SUBJECT: POLES THINK IT'S TOO EARLY FOR AN EU BORDER
MISSION FOR LEBANON

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Classified By: Polcouns Mary T. Curtin for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) In response to reftel demarche by poloff, MFAQsk officer for Lebanon and Syria, Boguslaw Ochotek, and MFA's ESDP expert, Joanna Janiszewska, both indicated that Poland was not, at this moment, ready to support Spain's call for an ESDP mission straddling the Lebanon-Syria border. Poland prefers to observe Syrian behavior during the upcoming Lebanese presidential elections before committing to a course of action. So, Poland does not disagree with the Moratinos proposal on principle, but thinks it is simply "too early." Ochotek stressed that securing the border, which is critical, will ultimately require some form of cooperation with Syria. He added that Poland is still seeking the right formula for such cooperation.
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